



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**Criminal Justice Committee**  
**Minutes**

November 28, 2018

1:00 p.m.

Middletown Police Department

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The DVCC Criminal Justice Committee met on November 28, 2018, at 1pm at the Middletown Police Department. Attending the meeting was Natasha Smith (DVCC Staff), Adrienne Owen (DSP), Earl McCloskey (DELJIS), Adrienne Owen (DSP), Michael DegliObizzi (DOJ), Maureen Faulkner (P&P), Ann Altemus (Child Inc.), Melanie Lahutsky (Superior Court), Melissa Pennachi (Newark PD/VRTF). Participating in the meeting via phone were: Sheila Blakely (JP Court), Ava Carcirieri (Family Court), Joe Miller (WPD), Maureen Monagle (DVCC Staff), Brendan O'Neill (ODS), Deb Reed (DSP VS), Kathy Hudson (Nanticoke), Nancy McGee (SAND).

**Call to order:** Brendan O'Neill called the meeting to order.

**Introductions:** Introductions were made attendees.

**Approve Minutes from September 5, 2018:** Minutes were approved as written.

**Old Business**

**Law Enforcement Training**

The Annual Law Enforcement Training Conference took place on Monday, November 5, 2018 at the Del-One Conference Center at DelTech in Dover. There were 166 attendees for the conference. Wendy Patrick (San Diego Prosecutor) and retired Detective Carlton Hershman (San Diego Police Department) were the two main speakers for the conference. Officer Ria Wallace (P&P) gave an overview of the services provided by Probation and Parole during the lunch hour. In reviewing the reaction surveys and feedback, the overall responses stated that the conference was well received. Those present at the meeting who attended the conference also provided similar feedback. Natasha Smith (DVCC Staff) will continue to go through the reaction surveys for specific feedback. Natasha stated that if anyone has any suggestions for future topics or speakers please email Natasha Smith at ([Natasha.Smith@state.de.us](mailto:Natasha.Smith@state.de.us)).

**High Risk Team Domestic Violence Team**

Maureen Monagle (DVCC Staff) stated that the CJC approved VOCA funding for the DVCC to hire a Domestic Violence High Risk Team Coordinator. Maureen states that a Memorandum of Understanding has been completed with Capitol Police to secure office space in Dover. The position is not a merit

position but rather an hourly position for under 30 hours/week based in Kent County. Maureen stated that the Coordinator would be accepting high risk DV cases and referrals. The initial workload for the Coordinator would include working on confidentiality issues, outreach to partnering agencies, gathering information for case reviews and convening high risk team meetings. Once the Coordinator is in place, partnering agencies will be determined at that time. The CJC provided a 3 year financial commitment for the program with an opportunity to expand beyond the 3 years. The aim is to have the Coordinator in place during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2019.

### **Body Worn Cameras**

The subject of body worn cameras has remained on the agenda. One attendee recalled the last discussion pertaining to the cameras being the victim's concern due to confidentiality. Sometimes victims refuse to be videotaped. It was stated that the video footage from the cameras have made trials more labor intensive (having to view all of footage) particularly in misdemeanor cases. The unintended consequence of the footage was discussed and it was advised that safe guards are in place – footage is just not handed over to Pro Se defendants. Earl McCloskey (DELJIS) advised there is a field on the LEISS report that asks the police officer if a body camera was used. Earl also stated that an additional field can be added to LEISS if a victim affirmatively requests a body camera be turned off (if needed). Earl stated that the Body Worn Camera procedure may not have received final approval from the Delaware Police Chiefs Council and will inquire about this issue at the upcoming Council meeting.

### **Probation and Parole and No Contact Provisions**

Maureen Faulkner (P&P) stated that there have not been any recent issues on this topic and it could be removed from the agenda.

### **HB204**

HB204 is effective 1/1/2019 and drafts of the rules are being reviewed by the presiding judges of the courts. It was noted that judges can make exceptions to the conditions of pretrial release in circumstances of domestic or intimate partner violence when an assessment tool is being used to assess the likelihood or predicted severity of future violence against the alleged victim.

### **New Business**

There was no new business discussed during this meeting.

### **Announcements**

- It was announced that HB302 (Beau Biden Bill) is now in effect, but to date there have been no filings.
- HB222 (Lethal Violence Protection Order), police agencies have started training on this bill. DELJIS advised they have been doing demos and will provide a demo and final screen shots at the Delaware Police Chiefs' Council meeting and the LEUG (Law Enforcement Users Group). Earl McCloskey (DELJIS) reported that testing is going well.
- The next DVCC Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Buena Vista in New Castle.

The 2019 DVCC Quarterly meetings dates were given:

March 11, 2019

May 6, 2019 or May 13, 2019

September 9, 2019

December 9, 2019

**Next Meeting Date:** To Be Determined

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